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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Board of Directors of the Door County Environmental Council, Inc. wishes to indicate support for the continuation of the WATERSHED FUNDING PROGRAM in its entirety, with no reduction in State involvement.

The PRIORITY WATERSHED Program is essential to ensure future groundwater quality in the fragile and vulnerable aquifer beneath us right now. See attached Essay from a County 7th Grade student, written as an entry in the County-Wide Earth Day contest:

Watershed Funding will continue the newly-formed Red River/Sturgeon Bay Watershed, which includes the entire watershed area from Sturgeon Bay to Dykesville. This is established to resolve many of the farm related problems of runoff and animal waste pollution, which can be eliminated, much as was the case in the completed Northern Door Watershed.

Speaking as one, farm folks, and some others, do not voluntarily spend large amounts of money on improvements that may not benefit them directly, even though scores of other people WILL be affected if there are water quality problems now or in the future.

IT WILL BE A MUCH NEEDED SERVICE TO THE FUTURE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, AND TO SCOTT AND HIS FAMILY AND OTHERS WITH WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS, IF THE FUNDING FOR THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM FOR GROUNDWATER QUALITY PROTECTION IS MAINTAINED.

Thank you for consideration,

Jerome M. Viste
Executive Director
Door County Environmental Council, Inc. Fish Creek, WI. 54212
414 743 6003 17 April 1997

Why Should I Worry About Natural Resources Protection?

Why should I worry about natural resource protection? In my situation, I should be concerned because when spring comes our water is polluted by fertilizers from other farms around our house. We aren't able to drink it for that reason. When we take showers we need to go into town and take them at my grandma's and grandpa's or at my cousin's house. We do dishes with water from the store so we don't get sick from the fertilizers in the water.

When I grow up and maybe start a family I would like to have my children be able to get a drink of water from the tap, not from a jug! When they need to take a shower or wash their hands they won't have to ask for a ride into town to go to their grandparents. I would like to start worrying about natural resource protection so other families can go outside, drink water, and take showers. I don't like seeing trash on the ground or smelling and tasting the pollutants in the ground water. I want all citizens to share my concerns about water and what's going on around us. When I am a grandpa I hope others can use my generation as an example for them, their kids, and friends.

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WAUPACA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMENTS ON GOVERNOR'S 1997-1999 BUDGET - April 16, 1997

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address the Proposed Wisconsin Biennial Budget.

I would like to talk specifically about the Soil and Water Conservation portion, and even more to the point, the DNR Priority Watershed Program.

As you might know, this program addresses identified water quality concerns on a watershed basis. The watershed program is the most comprehensive of its kind in the entire nation. Wisconsin is recognized as the leader in watershed management. A number of other states and municipalities have fashioned their programs after the Wisconsin Priority Watershed Protection Program. The Program works!! History will show that dramatic water quality improvements were made through the efforts of the DNR Priority Watershed Program. Who would have predicted back in 1950's and 1960's when the state began addressing point source discharges that the Lower Fox River would be one of the premier walleye fisheries in the midwest.

The insidious nature of nonpoint or runoff pollution belies its tremendous impact on the water resources of this state.

The Priority Watershed Program is in trouble. Its success over the last few years has caused a substantial revenue shortfall. On behalf of the Waupaca County Land & Water Conservation effort, I would like to request that the legislature restore full funding for this critical program. The backbone of this program is the trained professional watershed staff that is currently in place. We are concerned that the Governor's Budget funds this program predominantly through bonding money which cannot be used for staffing. The County's commitment to landowners and the resource, needs to be retained to maintain the momentum this program has generated.

We are pleased with the Governor's foresight in funding a watershed-based pollutant trading pilot project. We believe that trading holds great promise to address runoff pollution in the future, but we are concerned that if Nonpoint Program staff are severely reduced, the infrastructure will not be in place to administer a program utilizing pollutant-trading funds.

We also support the DNR reorganization effort. Aligning natural resource programs by watershed is an idea long overdue. Our concern is that the mechanism to allocate funds directly to the 23 Basins (GMUs) where local priorities are set, seems to have been lost. We would suggest that the GMU workgroups are best qualified to prioritize and allocate funds within their units. The Land & Water Conservation Board should be directed to allocate funding to the GMUs for watershed prioritization.

I would thank you again for this opportunity.

The following snowmobilers & members of the
KumAlong SnoRiders Snowmobile club Support the
1% Solution.

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Fox-Wolf Basin 2000
Basic Comments on Proposed Nonpoint Program Changes
Governor's Budget, 1997-99 Biennium
April 17, 1997

Thanks to Sen. Cowles, Joint Finance Committee

1. We applaud the Governor's foresight in establishing funds to foster a watershed-based trading pilot project.

- DNR flexibility in municipal and industrial permitting is needed
- Local pilot likely in Fox Valley

2. We also support review and evaluation of watersheds.

- Resources are limited, priorities must be set based on beneficial use impairment
- Priorities set, Resources allocated locally, based on watersheds

3. Oppose increasing the powers of the Land and Water Conservation Board in prioritizing, taking applications, reviewing, scoring and evaluating each project in the state.

- end of 6400 square mile pipe, the land area that drains into FW Basin
- we know this, 27 truck loads of sediment/day, 550 tons of P to bay, not from industry, not from municipalities, but from upstream rural nonpoint sources
- we know this, each farm is different, we cannot create blanket rules and regs.
- We must have local flexibility,

- + available through basin teams in DNR reorg.,
- + support ed by Gov. and NRB
- + enhanced by partnerships, including partners

EMPOWER THEM

- decentralizing, streamlining...why create another bureaucracy?
- money better spent on installing BMPs rather than trips to Madison?

Alternative: LWCB should allocate funds directly to the 23 DNR Basins (GMUs) teams where local priorities are set and resources are allocated, not reviewing each and every project, county water quality plan, etc.

4. Empowering means staff support, proposed increase in general revenue bonding reduces county staff support.

- must meet current commitments, contracts with landowners and counties
- pull back now, they won't play ball in future
- state mandate

5. **Priorities!!** Proposal allows application by anyone, anywhere.

- Resources are scarce, we can't afford to provide resources for all
- This is a water pollution abatement program, not a pork delivery service or a bureaucratic full employment act.....

Conclusion: Empower DNR basin teams, provide local support and flexibility and streamline the bureaucracy, don't create another one!!!

Johnsrud/Burke focus group legislation. Thanks for leadership. Concerns: Cut "priority". Dillutes scarce resources. Power to a state board. County WQ plans.

Rob:

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS @ BACK, WILL CALL SEM
TODAY @ PROPOSED LEGISLATION FROM JOINED
FOCUS GROUP.

WE HAVE ABOUT SIX MORE PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO
SPEAK:

- ✓ BILL HAYS, BROWN CO.
 - ✓ MIKE PUSHER, CALUMET CO.
 - ✓ BILL KOWALSKI, MARINETTE CO.
 - ✓ PATZ VAN AIRSDALE, WINNEBAGO CO.
 - ✓ MIKE WALLINDER, KEWAUNEE CO.
 - ✓ BILL SCHOSTER, DOOR CO.
 - ✓ TOM MILHESER, OCAPO CO.
- CAN YOU CALL THEM TOGETHER, MID SOON?

THANKS,
BRUCE

April 17, 1997

Robert Cowles, Republican
2nd District - Green Bay
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Cowles:

I am very pleased to write this letter of support for increased financial assistance for Northern Wisconsin Area Health Education Center, Inc (NAHEC). This year Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Dental Hygiene Students provided dental sealants and oral health education to Title I school children and their families. Approximately, 134 tooth surfaces were sealed. Dental sealant prevent tooth decay. This community program received funding from NAHEC to provide dental care for children who otherwise may not receive or access care. NAHEC funding is crucial for continuation for this project.

According to the NAHEC Annual Report 1995-96, NAHEC received 51 percent of their funding from Federal AHEC allocation, 44 percent from Matching, and only 5 percent from State AHEC. This above description indicated two major points: (1) federal allocations have been vital to the existence of NAHEC, and (2) a small percentage of funding has come from the state. In essence, the NAHEC has assumed responsibility for addressing the needs, issues and concerns of Northern Wisconsin with little state assistance. Further, there are approximately 30 Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) concentrated in the Northern AHEC region. Unfortunately, there are great needs and critical projects in these areas. In order to continue these endeavors the Governor's state allocations for NAHEC must be increased.

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NAHEC

The State of Wisconsin must take care of their own. Wisconsin communities, citizens, older adults, and children need NAHEC. Northern AHEC is vital in linking academic institutions, communities, and private sectors to provide health care services to the underserved. We must continue this endeavor. I employ you to see the extreme merit and contribution of Northern AHEC to our State, Community, Neighborhood, Family, Friends, and Children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah L. Hardy RDH, MS". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Deborah L. Hardy, RDH, MS
Associate Dean, Health Occupations

**TESTIMONIAL ON GOVERNORS BUDGET
TO
WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE
ON
APRIL 17, 1997**

**NAME: JEROME VAN SISTINE (Retired)
684 LIDA LANE
GREEN BAY, WI 54304**

Presently I am a member of the Brown County Board of Supervisors. I chair the Human Services Committee for Brown County. I serve on the Commission on Aging for Brown County. I represent Brown County on the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups. I am a member of the Brown County Handicapped School Board and a trustee for the Village of Ashwaubenon.

Budget:

I firmly believe there is a tremendous need for more funding for the Community Option program. The Community Option Program "COP" helps older persons and people with disabilities to remain in their own homes which is extremely cost effective. We request that the 2,500 placements requested by the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) goes back into the budget.

Funding Source:

By taking a portion of the Governor's Medical Assistance Nursing Home Rate Adjustments and fund the new placements in the COP.

OR a 5¢ increase in cigarette tax

The Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Group (Proposals) "Elder Rights Proposal."

1. A. Expand funding to counties to increase number of benefit specialist hours and to provide an inflationary increase cost \$1,000,000. There has been no increase in funding for county benefits specialists since 1993.
- B. Create a Tribal Benefit Specialist Program Cost \$150,00. Other than the Menominee Tribe that receives benefit specialist state funds as a county, the ten remaining tribes receive no state funding for benefit specialist service cost. The proposal provides a full-time attorney trained in Indian law to serve as a statewide resource for tribal elders. County benefit specialists and their local backup and ten one-half time tribal benefit specialists.

- C. Expand Legal Backup Capacity. State support for legal backup has not been increased since 1988. Duties required of legal backup have increased significantly. Increase is needed to provide for inflation and the increase in the number of benefit specialist hours. Cost \$50,000. Total Statewide benefit program cost \$1,200,000.
2. Expand Services to Victims of Elder Abuse and their Families. Formal reports of elder abuse have increased almost 100% since elder abuse reporting was required beginning in 1986. The majority of elder abuse victims are frail women aged 70 and over. Elder abuse direct services have proven to be effective. Counties are mandated by law to report and investigate referrals of elder abuse but lack adequate resources to provide needed services, such as emergency shelter, supportive home care, respite care counseling and relocation assistance. Increased cost \$400,000.
3. Expand the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program. The number of complaints about the quality of care has been increasing dramatically over the past few year. Provide two additional full-time Ombudsman positions. Cost of \$100,000.

"Funding Source"

Total Elder Rights Funding - \$1,700,000

Eliminate Senior Citizens income tax credit of \$25 for couples with annual income over \$40,000 individuals with income over \$30,000 and couples filing separate returns with income over \$20,000 (90% of the revenue comes from older persons with incomes of more than \$40,000 a year.

This funding source will pay for these programs.

4. There is a great need for additional funding for elderly and disabled transportation assistance.

"Quoting" THOMAS JEFFERSON 3-31-1809.

"THE CARE OF HUMAN LIFE AND HAPPINESS, AND NOT THEIR DESTRUCTION, IS THE FIRST AND ONLY LEGITIMATE OBJECT OF GOOD GOVERNMENT."

**GREEN BAY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN**

Governor's 1997-99 Biennial Budget Proposal
Transfer of School AODA Programs from DPI to DHFS

The Governor's 1997-99 budget proposes the transfer of school alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) programs and staff from the Department of Public Instruction to the Department of Health and Family Services according to the following plan:

1. Transfer 5.0 FTE program revenue-funded positions responsible for administration of AODA programs from DPI to the DHFS.
2. Transfer administration of the following AODA programs, and their funding, from the DPI to the DHFS:
 - Assistance for alcohol and other drug abuse programs (\$1,900,300; \$1,248,500)
 - Grants for families and schools together programs (F.A.S.T.) (\$1,000,000 annually)
 - Grants for pupil AODA prevention projects (\$300,000 annually)
 - Grants for after-school and summer school programs (\$425,000 annually)
 - Youth AODA programs (\$1,800,000 annually)

This proposal raises the following concerns:

- A. It appears that current AODA services to schools would be splintered under this proposal as some of these programs as indicated in item #2 above would be administered by DHFS, while others such as the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program and the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools Programs would be administered by DPI. It is necessary that school districts be able to coordinate dollars from various grant sources in order to provide a comprehensive K-12 AODA program. The fragmentation of programming appears to run contrary to the 1993 and 1996 Legislative Audit Bureau recommendations.
- B. At both the local and state levels AODA programs also need to be coordinated with the total student services programming in order to develop successful, resilient learners. Under the Governor's proposal, some AODA programs would be administered by DHFS and the vast majority of student services programs such as school psychological, counseling, and social worker services, school age parent programs, nursing services, and children at risk programs would be administered by DPI. Research shows a strong correlation between alcohol and drug use by young people and other types of risk behaviors such as pregnancy, violence,

truancy, etc. Effective prevention programs take a broad brush approach to risk behaviors as opposed to a categorical approach.

- C. It is important to school districts that the grant application, approval, and reporting process be coordinated, straight forward, and unduplicative. The DPI has created a streamlined, consolidated, multi-year grant and program evaluation process. Could school districts be assured of this same efficiency if two agencies were involved in the administration of the AODA grants?
- D. The Governor's proposal would seem to address a need for school districts and state educational agencies to collaborate, maximize the resources of each agency, and avoid duplication of programs, all of which are worthy efforts. Are there better ways to accomplish these goals, however, rather than the proposed course of action which would appear to fragment already existing coordination. It would seem that a group of individuals with varying interests in AODA programming could develop a set of recommendations to meet the AODA issues of children and families efficiently and effectively. Our school district staff would be willing to assist with this process.

*Joe Loley, Director
Student Services
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Richard A Keller
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April 16, 1997

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Richard A Keller, Superintendent of the Berlin Water & Sewer Dept., Member of Wisconsin Rural Water Assn., WWOC, WEF, APWA, and AWWA.

As a member of Wisconsin Rural Water Assn., representing the city of Berlin, we support the budget provision for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund, and the 2% Technical Assistance provision in Sec. 3571. Chapter 281.62(4) of the budget bill. Technical assistance with organizations like Wisconsin Rural Water Assn. has helped many small communities stay in compliance with State and Federal regulations. There many times small communities are in need of on the job training and assistance with leak detection, pipe locating, and wellhead protection, just to mention some. I believe this provision is needed to help the small community.

In addition we would encourage the state to allocate more than the 15% of the SRF for small systems. the small system has a much harder time allocating money for major projects.

Please take this into consideration.

Thank You



Richard A. Keller
Supt. Berlin Water & Sewer Dept.

April 17, 1998

To: Members of Joint Finance Comm

From: Margaret H. Teller, Rt 3, Box 99, June

I am a Member of Menominee County / Tribal Comm

Aging and Menominee County Long Term

Support Committee. I hear many of

of elderly on the COP waiting list

who are now in Nursing homes because

there is presently no money available.

May remain at home — Some who have

away in an institution while waiting, the

Nursing home care is much greater than

would be and, of course, the elderly persons

their family are quite distressed about it

enough was in 1997-98 budget to serve

8,000 on waiting list in Wisconsin, it

save money and think how appreciative the

elderly and disabled, and their families.

I would like to mention also

Elder's Rights Proposal that has been

introduced by ^{Senator} Kevin Shibilski the

would increase funding for Benefit 5

(over)

who have not had an increase
1993 and who do so much to
people become aware of benefits due
them with applications and appeals,
bringing more Federal money into the State
well as making a difference in the
lives of individuals. The Elder R
Proposal would also allocate more
investigation and assistance to victims
Elder Abuse. The third Proposal would
an increase for the Nursing Home Ombuds
Program of \$100,000 to fund two additional
Ombudsman positions and to hire a Co-
to Train Volunteer Ombudsmen. Wisconsin
a lower ratio of Ombudsmen to the nu-
persons in nursing homes & other assisted
living facilities than most other states.

Thank you for this opportunity to sit
with you my concerns. I understand the
a possibility to amend the Governor's
to allocate more for Community Options Prog
and will greatly appreciate the consideration of it.

Testimony to Joint Finance Committee
Carol A. Pollis, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Thursday, April 17, 1997

I want to thank the Committee for providing this opportunity for me to address the critical importance of renewed investment in higher education.

One of the most important responsibilities of my position is maintaining a top-notch faculty and staff. The design and implementation of challenging learning environments that produce the student outcomes we expect of our graduates has never been more demanding. As we move into the 21st century, the top priority for the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay will be the recruitment and retention of highly qualified, creative and dedicated faculty who create and sustain these environments.

Over the next five to seven years, we project that 25-30% of our faculty will retire. In addition to replacing faculty who retire, we will need to fill a number of positions that become vacant through resignation. Replacing faculty will be increasingly difficult unless we can compete effectively in the marketplace.

To give you a sense of some of the problems that we currently face in recruiting and retaining faculty, I want to share a few examples from recent searches that I and my colleague, Nancy Kaufman, Dean of Professional Studies and Outreach at UW-Green Bay, have conducted.

National searches for faculty in Spanish, Reproductive Biology, Microbiology, Environmental Chemistry, and American Indian Studies have yielded smaller than expected candidate pools and competition for the best candidates has been dynamic. Two years ago, two of our three faculty in Spanish sought and received highly competitive offers from other institutions. While they liked UW-Green Bay and its students very much, they knew they could get higher salaries. We made counter offers to both faculty but were not able to match salaries in the \$42,000-45,000 range and lower teaching loads. In a search during 1995-96 to replace these two Spanish faculty, several top candidates withdrew just before or shortly after the interview to accept positions with substantially higher salaries than we were able to offer. We did fill the positions but we now have to worry about retaining these faculty given the competitive market in Spanish.

After a two year search process, we recently filled a position in American Indian Studies but the search was very difficult. The number of qualified candidates was small in both years. We felt fortunate to fill the position because our top candidate was being aggressively recruited by other institutions--the major reasons the candidate, who could have gotten a higher salary elsewhere, accepted our offer were that she wanted to work in an interdisciplinary program and she wanted to return to Wisconsin. The previous holder of the position also accepted in part because it provided an opportunity to "return home" but she left after four years to take a position with the Oneida Tribe. I hope we will be able to retain the recent hire but know that will be difficult because of her expertise in justice studies.

A national search this year for the Director of the Extended Degree Program drew only nine applicants. I am confident the size of the applicant pool was related to a projected salary in the mid-40s and the expectation to integrate distance education technologies into the program's curriculum. Individuals with strong backgrounds in DE and learning technology are in a competitive situation and a salary in the mid-50s would have been required to get a larger and stronger candidate pool.

Recent searches in Business Administration, Accounting, and Education have also been very difficult. These searches have been characterized by small pools of applicants and the withdrawal of top candidates because of salary and workload considerations. Education had two searches this year, one for a language arts position and the other for program chair. In the language arts position, the top ranked candidate turned down the offer and indicated a primary reason was the low salary. We offered \$37,000 and he had an offer from another institution in the low to mid-40s. The chair position was recruited last year as well but was not filled when the top candidate requested a salary in the low to mid 80s. UW-Green Bay is offering an annual salary of approximately \$60,000 for this position.

Business Administration just filled two positions in accounting, positions that have been difficult to fill due to stiff competition from other institutions and the private sector. We felt fortunate to hire our top candidates since the pool of qualified applicants was very small and the positions would have likely remained unfilled if the top candidates had not accepted the offers. Business also has a search in the area of finance in the final stages and one of the top three candidates has withdrawn because of salary issues. At this point, it seems unlikely the position will be filled this year.

Faculty and academic staff salaries in UW System institutions have slipped 5% below our peers in the last biennium and they will fall further behind if we are not able to maintain a competitive salary structure. We must have a more competitive pay plan if we are to maintain our ability to hire and retain a highly qualified and diverse faculty.

The 105 percent provision provides the management flexibility to make a direct investment in quality. A 7 percent tuition increase is moderate and will not change relative rankings--the tuition at Wisconsin universities such as UW-Green Bay ranks 31st of 35 in a recent survey of similar regional campuses. Tuition here will remain affordable. And the value of the education received will not decline. I hope you will support this measure.

Brown County Planning Commission

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Chris B. Knight
Executive Director

April 16, 1997

To: Joint Finance Committee of Wisconsin State Legislature

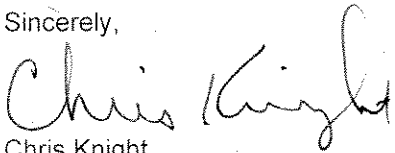
On behalf of the Brown County Land Information Office (LIO), I would like to express my opposition to the proposal in LRB 1304/11 to eliminate the Wisconsin Land Information Board (WLIB) and to redirect the duties of the WLIB and all land information funds to the Department of Administration.

The Brown County LIO is concerned that the proposal will result in land use and land use policy issues driving funding of land records modernization activities at the expense of other modernization activities that might be less important in relation to land use, yet still critical to the needs of the county.

We are asking that the Joint finance Committee consider removing all references to the elimination of the WLIB from the budget bill. We wish that the Joint Finance Committee would remove all references in the budget that shift the duties of the WLIB to the Department of Administration. To these ends, the Brown County LIO has recommended to the Brown County Board of Supervisors and the Brown County Executive that they resolve to support the continued existence of the Wisconsin Land Information Program under the administration of the Wisconsin Land Information Board rather than moving the Program under the administration of the Department of Administration as proposed in Assembly Bill 100 and 1997 Senate Bill 77, and to communicate this position to local state representatives.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



Chris Knight,
Planning Director

Testimony in Support of:

Northern Wisconsin Area Health Education Center

by

Nancy McKenney, RDH, BS
Community Dental Health Course Director
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

State of Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee Hearing

April 16, 1997

Nancy McKenney, RDH, BS

My name is Nancy McKenney. I have been a registered dental hygienist for twenty years. I have an Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Dental Health Management and will receive a Master of Science Degree in Management and Organizational Behavior in May. I am a dental hygiene instructor at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay, Wisconsin. As course director of Community Dental Health, I am responsible for facilitating community dental health education for dental hygiene students.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Dental Hygiene Program in cooperation with the Fort Howard-Jefferson Neighborhood Family Resource Center, and the State of Wisconsin Division of Health conducted a pilot project in the fall of 1996. Our mission is to increase the awareness of dental disease prevention, and reduce the prevalence and incidence of disease through service learning educational and dental sealant programs. Oral health screenings were conducted at the Fort Howard-Jefferson Neighborhood Family Resource Center Health Fair in 1995 and 1996. Possible tooth decay was detected.

Fort Howard and Jefferson Schools were identified as Title 1 schools. Eighty five-ninety three percent of the families who have children enrolled in these schools are eligible for free and reduced lunch programs, indicating reduced financial resources for preventive services. Senior dental hygiene students provided oral health education and dental sealants to second grade children in the schools. Objectives for the college and dental hygiene students included: providing service learning (clinical) opportunities, communicating effectively in a multidisciplinary, culturally diverse environment, and valuing differences. Objectives for the Resource Center and schools included: providing an opportunity for parent and child preventive health education and services. Sealants are applied to the chewing surfaces of molar teeth to provide a physical barrier between the teeth and the elements causing dental disease (cavities). They are highly effective in preventing tooth decay.

Thirty five (35) children participated in the screening process. Twenty-four (24) children had teeth that could be sealed. Seventy-nine (79) permanent teeth (134 surfaces) Had dental sealants placed with portable equipment in the schools by senior dental hygiene students. There was a 97% retention rate for sealant placement. Dental hygiene students provided several educational sessions to the second grade children. The dental hygiene students worked in teams to identify their target population (second grade children with newly erupted six year molars), plan the service learning programs, implement the programs and evaluate the programs. The approximate cost per child for the sealant program was just over \$11.00.

This service learning project was very successful. This project and it's continuation are being funded in part by Northern and Eastern AHEC. Please consider approving the funding requests submitted by Wisconsin Area Health Education Center (AHEC) System.

The Wisconsin economy: How will it be impacted by a \$1.00 per pack cigarette tax?

On the table is a proposal from pro-health advocates to increase the state tax on cigarettes from \$0.38 to \$1.38 per pack. Why is this important to Wisconsin?

- Tobacco currently costs the state's economy over **\$1 billion** per year in higher health care costs, decreased productivity, and premature death and disability. That's over **\$2.00** for every pack of cigarettes sold. (Wisconsin Department of Health)

Kids, drugs and crime!

A \$1.00 tax is the single-most effective deterrent to kids' buying their first cigarette. For every 10% increase in price, there results a 10% reduction in new children smokers.

A study in the *Journal of Public Health* demonstrates that cigarettes are a "gateway" drug. It is the first addiction kids experience before graduating to hard drugs. The study found that pack-a-day smokers are:

- 45 times more likely to have used marijuana in the past year.
- 10 times more likely to use inhalants.
- 79 times more likely to use cocaine.

The Center for Disease Control has determined that higher cigarette prices are even more effective than educational processes in school. While the latter clearly needs more effort, **a tobacco tax increase will deter many of the kids who are later influenced by their peers to try their first cigarette.**

Unlike traditional youth access laws, cigarette taxes require no enforcement costs and, however minimal, could even reduce other drug and crime enforcement costs.

Raise needed taxes for health care!

Even after compensating for reduced smoking, the tax will still raise **\$317.7 million** for needed health care programs for the unemployed, uninsured and low-income people (per a conservative Fiscal Bureau estimate).

A \$1 tax will discourage approximately 104,915 adults and 39,460 children in Wisconsin from smoking, according to national elasticity studies.

Reduce Health Care Costs, Improve Productivity!

As more kids and adults quit smoking, fewer cigarettes will be sold, health care costs will decrease and our state's business productivity will rise.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, smokers' health care costs are 32% higher than non-smokers'. The "butt breaks" alone can cost employers **six extra paid days** each year for each smoking employee.

Ninety percent (90%) of today's smokers start before the age of 18, when they would otherwise be sensitive to a \$1 tax increase. Kids are 3 times more likely to quit because of higher prices, than are adults with longer addictions.

It is for this reason the tobacco industry targets youth in its ads. Camel cigarettes enjoyed less than 1% of the illegal (ages 10-17) children market six years ago; today, the "Joe Camel" cartoon character has moved that market share to over 32%.

Cigarette tax will not cost Wisconsin jobs!

Our state produces no cigarette tobacco; 66% of it originates in the south and 34% comes from imports (U.S. Department of Agriculture).

Tobacco industry front groups have said that "based on a recent Price-Waterhouse study, a \$1 increase in the cigarette tax would cause the loss of 7,100 jobs in Wisconsin."

- The P-W study, which was funded by the Tobacco Institute, did not predict job loss in Wisconsin. The Tobacco Institute did.
- With no cigarette tobacco being grown in Wisconsin, it seems quite a reach to claim that job losses will result from taxes on an out-of-state product.
- The Tobacco Institute assumes that money not spent on cigarettes will dry up and vanish from the economy. In fact, as any economist knows, the money stays in the economy and will generate new jobs and business opportunities.
- Lest we not forget, the Tobacco Institute is "still not sure" if tobacco causes lung cancer.

Even wild claims that "tobacco subsidiaries will suffer" should be weighed against their success and profitability before being acquired by tobacco interests. It is hard to imagine how the success of cigarettes would affect that of the food and beverages, and if so, how either stood alone before the acquisition.

But even if true, what is a life worth?

Even if the wild claim of 7,100 lost jobs were true, that would calculate to **1.23 Wisconsin lives** each year for every job protected! Reason tells us that:

- We do not have to keep Wisconsin residents smoking and dying for the sake of the state's economy, and
- If cigarettes were *that* essential to our economy (and people were not), we should be **promoting** smoking among Wisconsin's youth to ensure the future welfare of the state.

\$1 tax will divert millions of dollars to Wisconsin's economy!

Except for distribution profits, the major beneficiaries of Wisconsin's **\$946 million** cigarette habit are the southern and foreign economies!

If, as expected, the \$1 added tax reduces tobacco expenditures by 11%, **\$104 million each year will be diverted from the southern and foreign economies to our own.**

Cigarette tax will increase Wisconsin jobs!

An October 1993 Arthur Andersen Economic Consulting study exposed the major fallacies of the Price-Waterhouse/Tobacco Institute report. Fact:

- A significant portion of the money currently being spent on cigarettes will instead be spent on non-tobacco products and services in Wisconsin, thus creating more and/or better jobs for low-income people. Was this just a convenient omission?

Will cigarette taxes unfairly penalize smokers?

No. Smokers are only paying \$0.38 of the \$2.00 per pack smoking is costing Wisconsin's economy. Non-smoking taxpayers are subsidizing the balance.

This is not a "sin" tax. It is a "use" tax proportionate to the cost of its use, and it affects only those who choose to use it.

The \$1.38 will offset at least part of the \$1 billion tobacco costs Wisconsin's smoking and nonsmoking taxpayers each year. Smokers should bear the costs of smoking; nonsmoking taxpayers should not.

Smoking is currently costing every man, woman and child (whether smoker or nonsmoker), \$204 each year to subsidize the state's tobacco bill.

Will the tax hit lower income people the hardest?

Only those who choose to smoke, but that number will decrease significantly. Those who choose to continue smoking will compensate by reducing consumption.

Low-income people will clearly have a tougher choice to make, but it *is* their choice. Smoking is a cost and a risk they simply cannot afford, and this tax will bring the issue to the forefront.

Many families will make the right decision, and fewer children will be harmed by second-hand smoke.

When tobacco-related illness or premature death or disability strikes, it is the low-income family that is wiped out first. Kids from these families are not only left without a parent, but also lacking the resources available to affluent kids. They face double trouble, all thanks to Joe Camel and the macho Marlboro Man.

For those who quit because of this tax, it will provide an extra thousand or two in savings and will result in lower medical bills to boot.

Paychecks and Welfare checks will be spent on pro-family, rather than anti-economy, products.

But the Tobacco Institute says these taxes are regressive!

They are shedding crocodile tears. For two decades the tobacco industry systematically raised wholesale tobacco prices. They were raised gradually, so the effect was not felt by the smoker.

Since 1960 cigarette taxes have been increased by 250%. While tobacco executives criticized every tax increase as being "regressive," they nonetheless increased wholesale prices by 756% during this same period.

Incidentally, between 1962 and 1992, tobacco "manufacturing" jobs fell from 68,700 to 49,100 while cigarette output actually increased. This job loss was caused by the tobacco industry itself, through automation and the use of imported rather than U.S.-grown tobacco.

Low income people are most affected by tobacco diseases!

Lung cancer, emphysema and heart disease strike the low-income family first -- and the hardest! Blacks in Wisconsin have the highest rates of cancer, and die in greater numbers from it, than do affluent whites.

And, it is the low-income family that is most affected by the crime that results from tobacco's frequent extension: **hard drugs**. Tobacco is a destructive product that should no longer be protected by *artificially low, subsidized taxes*.

Low-income families support cigarette taxes!

In a recent nationwide Gallup poll, 64 percent of blacks and 71 percent of Hispanic voters said they would support a substantial \$2 increase in cigarette taxes. In another poll, the majority *in every income group*, and 31% of smokers, supported the tax.

A 1992 Michigan poll found that *more than twice as many voters* would vote for a candidate for the state legislature who supported a 25 cent cigarette tax, than would vote for a candidate who opposed it.

In a recent poll by St. Norbert's College, 73% of Wisconsin residents supported a higher cigarette tax.

Cigarette taxes will save 36,000 Wisconsin lives each year!

Regardless of income status, the proposed \$1 tax will provide an effective incentive for all tobacco victims to overcome their deadly addiction, and cherished lives will be saved.

Tobacco kills 8760 Wisconsin residents (and taxpayers) each year. This is a human tragedy that must be stopped!

Federal tobacco tax forces state action....

The forthcoming federal tobacco tax increase will reduce smoking, too. If states do nothing, they will see a loss in their existing tobacco tax revenues. They must act quickly to head off this revenue loss, and they should take the opportunity to create a "health gain" in the process.

The bootlegging argument

Bootlegging will be minimal, and will decrease to zero as neighboring states match Wisconsin's tax. Little effect has been noticed in the District of Columbia, which has the nation's highest tax of 65 cents and borders Virginia, which has the nation's lowest tax (2.5 cents). But even considering a small bootleg effect, Wisconsin's new revenues will offset even the most extreme claims of loss.

Will higher tobacco taxes reduce revenue?

Twenty years ago, state and federal taxes represented 56% of the average pack of cigarettes; today it is only 28%. In 1968, tobacco taxes represented 5.2% of state revenues; today it represents only 1.9%.

The tobacco industry claims that revenues will be lost if people quit smoking. That's only true if *all* people quit -- an unlikely scenario. If a 363% tax increase results in an 11% reduction, net revenues will still increase. Canada's revenues nearly quadrupled when its \$3 per pack increase reduced consumption by 27%.

Nonetheless, even if *everybody* quit smoking, and revenues dropped to zero, direct health care costs would drop by \$400 million per year, more than offsetting the \$178 million per year Wisconsin would lose in tax revenue. Medicaid costs alone would drop by \$150 million. The state's increase in business productivity would be a bonus.

But Philip Morris is the state's largest employer...

PM employs over 8000 in its food and beverage subsidiaries, but this tax *will not hurt* these businesses. It will *benefit* them just as it will every other Wisconsin business. It will also benefit the families of PM's 8000 employees.

Marlboro profits aside, this tax is good for Wisconsin.



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Dear Joint Finance Committee:

I anticipate providing testimony during the public hearing on April 17, 1997, however, if I am unable to do so, I would like to submit the following for the records:

- Technology needs are escalating and anything which can be done to support technology in local Districts should be given serious consideration;
- Especially for growing Districts, there is a need to adjust the State Aid Formula to more accurately respond to current year enrollments as opposed to the present practice of using a three year average which results in a serious funding lag to accommodate staffing needs;
- In general, the current funding formula results in inequity in distribution of state money with a special concern that Districts with greater property wealth seem to be treated better than Districts in average or below average situations. Presently over 100 Districts are bringing suit against the State to correct this inequity. The State Legislature is urged to address this serious problem through legislative initiatives rather than have a long and expensive court battle;
- Providing Districts with financial relief for State and federally mandated EEN programs is a critical need or the cost of these programs will require an increasing share of the local budget which is limited by revenue caps;
- Finally, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay initiative to develop a revised teacher training program and a new approach to graduate training for veteran teachers is strongly endorsed for support in the State budget. The Green Bay District has been part of this planning to date and the promises for a new educational training model should be given serious consideration.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to have input into the State Budget planning process.


Dr. Thomas M. Joynt, Superintendent of Schools
April 17, 1997

Joint Finance Committee Meeting
April 17, 1997
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Chairman Burke, Chairman Jensen, Members of the Committee:

My name is Christina Kujak. I am a Regional Field Organizer for the Tobacco Free Wisconsin Coalition and I am concerned with tobacco use in Wisconsin.

My first concern is youth smoking. The rate of smoking among youth in Wisconsin is higher than the national average. Furthermore, Wisconsin youth smoke more than adults. While the number of adult smokers has declined steadily, the number of kids that smoke has increased. Each day, about 60 Wisconsin kids start smoking, and about one-quarter of them will die from their addiction. The fact is, the tobacco industry targets kids. They spend \$100 million in Wisconsin each year. That comes out to \$400 per 12 to 18 year old in billboards, magazine ads, give aways, and cigarette displays that are targeted to kids. They spend more money convincing kids to smoke than we spend teaching foreign languages.

My second concern is health problems related to smoking. Imagine a 747 jet full of Wisconsin residents crashing every few weeks. If this were actually the case, Wisconsin would immediately be taking action to protect its citizens. However, those who die of tobacco-related illnesses do so in hospitals or at home, out of the public eye and without media attention. Deaths related to smoking are preventable.

Lastly, the economic costs of smoking to Wisconsin are astounding. Each smoker spends about \$800 per year on cigarettes. Only a small part of that cost actually stays in Wisconsin. If less money was spent on cigarettes, there would be more money spent on local products. Also, cigarette smoking costs Wisconsin more than \$1 billion in direct medical costs per year. Decreasing rates of smoking would be good for the economy of Wisconsin.

Right now, Wisconsin collects only \$175 million in cigarette taxes per year. If the cigarette tax were to be increased 56¢ per pack, Wisconsin would raise an additional \$200 million in revenue. This is substantially more than funds raised by the State Lottery, and can pay more than the prospective increase in tuition for UW System. Cigarette smoking would be reduced and thus health care costs for the state would decline. Revenue raised could be used for a prevention and education campaign for kids as well as adults to promote information and skills necessary to resist the \$100 million spent each year by tobacco companies in our state. The program would also make programs to help people quit smoking more accessible. Programs such as these have been instituted in Massachusetts and California

through cigarette tax increases and have reduced smoking rates by 20% and 27%, respectively. There is currently a proposal in the budget bill that would increase the tax by 5¢. An increase this small would not increase revenue or decrease smoking by any significant amount. In order to make an impact, a cigarette tax of at least 56¢ per pack is necessary. I realize that two days after April 15 is a bad day to even talk about taxes, however, according to a recent poll, 71% of Wisconsin residents support increasing the cigarette tax. Wisconsin realizes that raising this tax will raise revenue and save lives. I encourage each of you to support a 56¢ tax increase per pack of cigarettes. Thank you.

WISCONSIN CHILDREN AT RISK:

**THE CRISIS OF
TOBACCO ADDICTION**



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10 STEPS TO PROTECT WISCONSIN CHILDREN FROM TOBACCO ADDICTION

1. Mandate strong enforcement of current Wisconsin laws that ban the sale of tobacco products to children under age 18 and assign enforcement authority to local health departments.
2. Enact a Wisconsin statewide ordinance that licenses and regulates vendors of tobacco products in the same manner that vendors of alcoholic beverages are now licensed and regulated. Revoke the license to sell tobacco of any vendor who repeatedly violates the current law banning the sale of tobacco to children under age 18.
3. Conduct random, unannounced inspections ("compliance checks") of all locations where tobacco products are sold (both over-the-counter and vending machines) to ensure that minors cannot purchase tobacco. Involve law enforcement in conducting and enforcing compliance checks.
4. Ban the sale of cigarettes via vending machines from all locations except those limited exclusively to adults.
5. Ban the free distribution of tobacco products in Wisconsin.
6. Enforce current Wisconsin laws that ban the sale of single cigarettes ("loosies").
7. Enforce current Wisconsin laws that prohibit the use of any tobacco product in schools or on their grounds.
8. Educate the public and our legislators that tobacco is a powerfully addictive drug that will eventually kill 30 of the 60 children in Wisconsin who start to smoke each day.
9. Recognize that parents, schools, and youth all need to play a part in reducing tobacco use by minors. Encourage all individuals who use tobacco (both adults and children) to quit.
10. Prohibit preemptive state laws regarding tobacco use and access by minors that bar stronger municipal and county ordinances.

FACT: TOBACCO USE IS THE LEADING DRUG ADDICTION AMONG WISCONSIN YOUTH.

KEY FACTS:

- ▶ 100,000 Wisconsin children are addicted to tobacco products.¹
- ▶ 6,000 eleven-year-olds smoke daily (9% of Wisconsin 11-year-olds).
- ▶ 34 percent of 17-year-olds in our state smoke daily.
- ▶ Wisconsin children smoke 14 million packs of cigarettes per year.
- ▶ Wisconsin stores and businesses illegally sell children \$25 million worth of cigarettes annually.
- ▶ Tobacco use by teens frequently serves as a "gateway" to other drugs such as alcohol, marijuana, or other illicit drugs.²

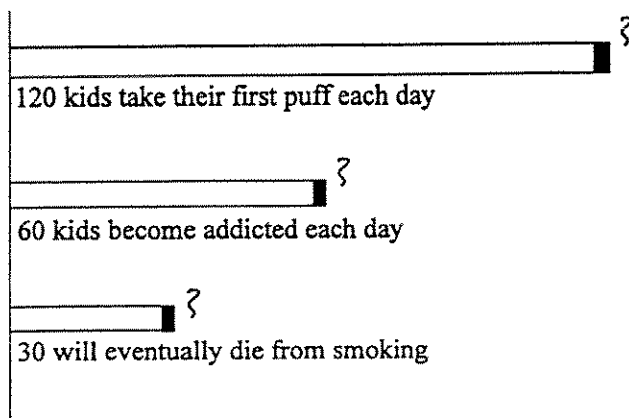
Youth Smoking in Wisconsin



FACT: MORE THAN 60 WISCONSIN CHILDREN BECOME ADDICTED TO CIGARETTES EVERY DAY.

KEY FACTS:

Cigarettes: The Toll on WI Children



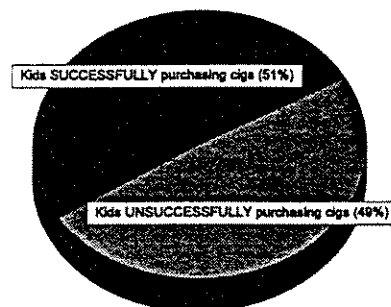
- ▶ Tobacco addiction begins in childhood; more than 80% of smokers start to smoke before the legal age of sale, age eighteen.³
- ▶ Each day, 120 Wisconsin children take their first puff of cigarette smoke.
- ▶ Each day, 60 of these children become addicted smokers.
- ▶ 30 of these addicted children eventually will die of diseases caused by their smoking.⁴
- ▶ Overall, 8,000 Wisconsin residents die of tobacco use each year.
- ▶ Most kids who smoke have already become addicted to tobacco and go through withdrawal when trying to quit.⁵
- ▶ Cigarettes will eventually kill more children than alcohol, heroin, cocaine, and all other illegal drugs *combined*.

FACT: ANY WISCONSIN CHILD CAN ILLEGALLY BUY CIGARETTES.

KEY FACTS:

- ▶ In communities throughout Wisconsin, young teenagers successfully purchased cigarettes from vendors 27% to 69% of the time.
- ▶ A single vendor selling cigarettes illegally can provide access to all children in that community.
- ▶ Many vendors ignore the Wisconsin law banning the sale of cigarettes to children under 18.
- ▶ Wisconsin children as young as 12 successfully buy cigarettes from vendors.
- ▶ Vending machines provide easy access to cigarettes for Wisconsin children of any age.
- ▶ More than \$10 million in Federal block grants are at risk because of illegal sales.

Illegal Sales of Cigarettes to Wisconsin Youth



WISCONSIN COMPLIANCE CHECKS ON TOBACCO SALES

<u>Location</u>	<u>Buyer Age</u>	<u>% of Purchase Attempts Resulting in Successful Sales</u>
Beloit	12-15 years old	33%
De Pere	13-16 years old	68%
Fond du Lac	14 years old	59%
Green Bay	13-16 years old	59%
Janesville	12-15 years old	44%
Madison	12-15 years old	27%
Wausau	14-17 years old	69%

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RAISING WISCONSIN'S TOBACCO EXCISE FEES:

**PROTECTING CHILDREN,
INCREASING REVENUE,
SAVING LIVES**



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CONCLUSION:

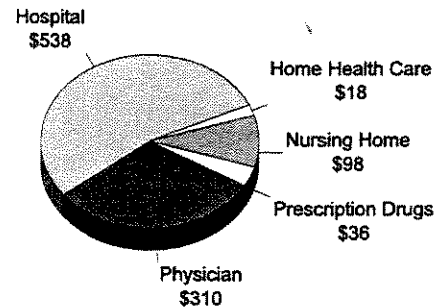
RAISING THE CIGARETTE EXCISE FEE BY AT LEAST 50¢ PER PACK WILL: (A) PROTECT CHILDREN FROM TOBACCO ADDICTION; (B) SAVE WISCONSIN RESIDENTS FROM THE PREVENTABLE ILLNESS AND PREMATURE DEATH THAT RESULTS FROM SMOKING; AND (C) INCREASE STATE REVENUE FOR TAX RELIEF AND OTHER CRITICAL NEEDS.

FACT: SMOKING IS A MAJOR ECONOMIC BURDEN ON THE CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN.

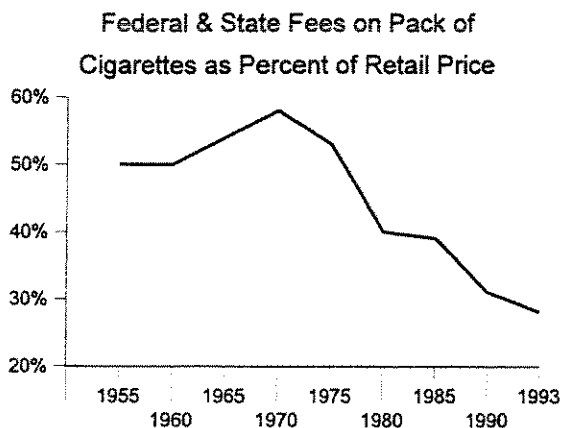
KEY FACTS:

- ▶ Cigarette smoking costs Wisconsin more than \$1 billion in direct medical costs per year.¹
- ▶ In contrast, the current cigarette excise fee in Wisconsin only generates \$175 million per year.²
- ▶ Each smoker in our state spends, on average, \$800 per year for cigarettes.
- ▶ For states such as Wisconsin, reducing or eliminating tobacco use will increase employment in our state and improve health.³

Medical Costs (\$Millions), 1993



FACT: CIGARETTE EXCISE FEES IN WISCONSIN HAVE DECLINED IN REAL TERMS OVER THE LAST 40 YEARS.



KEY FACTS:

- ▶ Excise fee, measured as a percentage of the average retail price of cigarettes, has dropped from 56% to 28% over the last twenty years.
- ▶ Fourteen states have cigarette excise fees higher than Wisconsin's.

FACT: MOST WISCONSIN RESIDENTS WANT CIGARETTE EXCISE FEES INCREASED.

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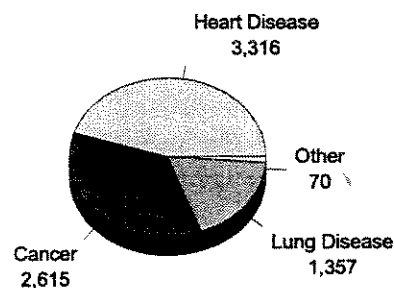
- ▶ 73% of Wisconsin residents support a \$1 per pack cigarette fee increase.⁴
- ▶ One-third of *smokers* support a \$1 per pack cigarette fee increase.

FACT: RAISING THE CIGARETTE EXCISE FEE WILL SAVE WISCONSIN LIVES.

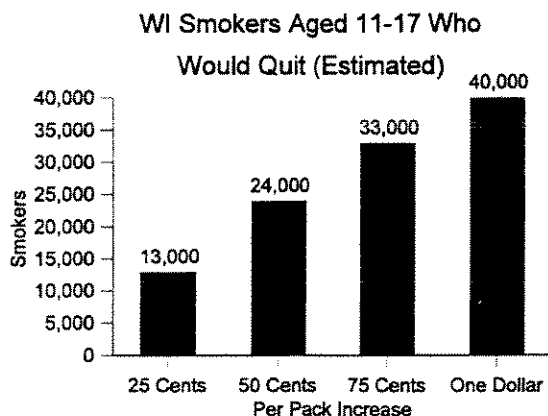
KEY FACTS:

- ▶ 7,400 Wisconsin residents die prematurely each year directly from tobacco use; that is, one out of every five deaths in our state is directly caused by smoking.
- ▶ Approximately 85,000 years of potential life are lost in our state each year because of premature deaths from tobacco.

WI Deaths Due to Smoking, 1993



FACT: INCREASING EXCISE FEES IS THE MOST POWERFUL WAY TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM TOBACCO ADDICTION.



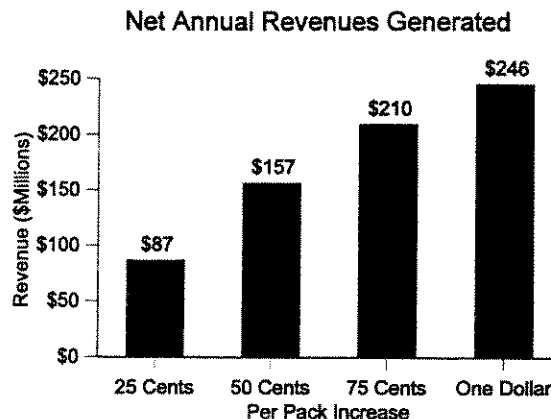
KEY FACTS:

- ▶ Each 10% increase in the real (after inflation) price of cigarettes leads to about a 10% reduction in tobacco use among teenagers.⁵
- ▶ Raising the cigarette excise fee by 50¢ per pack will result in 24,000 adolescents quitting smoking each year.
- ▶ Raising the cigarette excise fee by 50¢ per pack will discourage 50,000 adults from smoking each year.

FACT: RAISING CIGARETTE EXCISE FEES COULD BE AN IMPORTANT REVENUE SOURCE FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

KEY FACTS:

- ▶ Increasing the excise fee has two important benefits: it decreases smoking and its related costs, while increasing overall fee revenue.
- ▶ A 50¢ per pack increase will generate \$157 million per year.
- ▶ A \$1 per pack increase will generate \$246 million per year.
- ▶ If all of the new revenue from a \$1 excise fee increase went to property tax relief, each homeowner in Wisconsin would save \$200 each year.⁶



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to cloning, residents say

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supply. But 98 percent of people wouldn't want a clone of themselves. Other situations for human cloning met with similar resistance.

Cloning highly intelligent people to enhance society was termed a bad idea by 92 percent of people. Cloning infertile couples who want a related child met with 82 percent disapproval, and cloning yourself for organ transplants later in life met with 86 percent disapproval.

While only 66 percent say cloning is not morally acceptable, 83 percent say the technique will create more problems than it will solve.

For the survey, 407 telephone interviews were conducted between March 18-25. There is 95 percent assurance that the results are accurate within 5 percentage points.

Cigarette tax increase has public support

A vast majority of state residents endorse the idea of raising the state tax on cigarettes by 56 cents per pack to pay for health care.

About 71 percent of respondents in the latest Wisconsin Survey by St. Norbert College say that's a good idea.

Among smokers, however, the support dropped to just 37 percent. Of nonsmokers, support was 82 percent. Support was also highest among women (76 percent) and those 65 and over (83 percent).

The findings are consistent with previous questions asking about a \$1 per pack tax increase, said St. Norbert Survey Center director David Wegge.

Two 1993 polls showed support for the \$1 tax at 73 percent and 66 percent.

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— Brian M. Kerhin

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WISCONSIN CHILDREN AT RISK:

TOBACCO INDUSTRY ADVERTISING

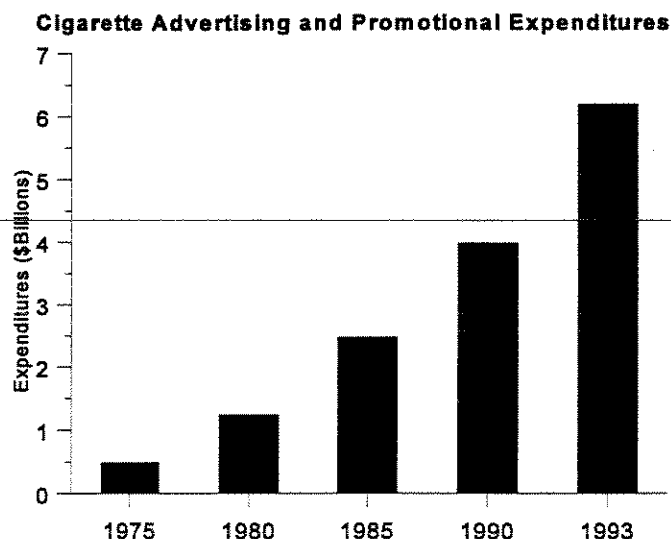


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FACT: ADVERTISING PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE RECRUITMENT OF NEW SMOKERS.

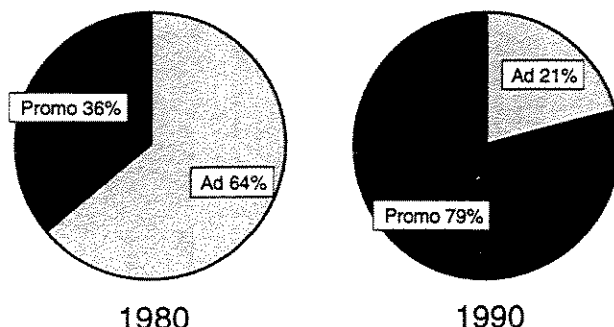
KEY FACTS:

- ▶ Tobacco advertising and cigarette promotion have been shown to encourage smoking in children and adolescents.¹
- ▶ Every year the tobacco industry loses 420,000 smokers to death caused by tobacco-related disease.² Advertising plays a critical role in replacing those who are killed by cigarettes.
- ▶ In 1993, the tobacco industry spent **\$6.2 billion** on advertising and promotion—that is **\$6,000** for each new adolescent smoker.³
- ▶ In 1988, cigarettes ranked 1st among products advertised in outdoor media, second in magazines, and sixth in newspapers. Cigarettes were the *second most heavily advertised* consumer product after automobiles.⁴
- ▶ By 1988, the top five advertisers on billboards across the United States were tobacco companies.⁵
- ▶ Each day, 3,000 adolescents (one million each year) become addicted to tobacco and join the ranks of regular smokers.⁶ Of these, 1/3 will eventually die of tobacco-related disease.
- ▶ Eighty percent of all smokers consume cigarettes from three tobacco manufacturers. These companies maintain that their advertising is only intended to maintain “brand loyalty” and persuade current smokers to switch brands, and not to attract new smokers.⁷



FACT: TOBACCO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION IS DESIGNED TO BE ATTRACTIVE TO OUR CHILDREN.

Cigarette Advertising vs. Promotional Expenditures



KEY FACTS:

- ▶ Over the last two decades, the tobacco industry has greatly expanded its promotional activities, including the sponsorship of sports events, give-away campaigns, etc. These promotional activities appeal to children and adolescents.⁸
- ▶ “Old Joe,” the cartoon character of Camel cigarettes, was recognized by 91% of six-year-olds as a symbol for cigarettes—the same level of recognition six-year-olds have for Mickey Mouse.⁹

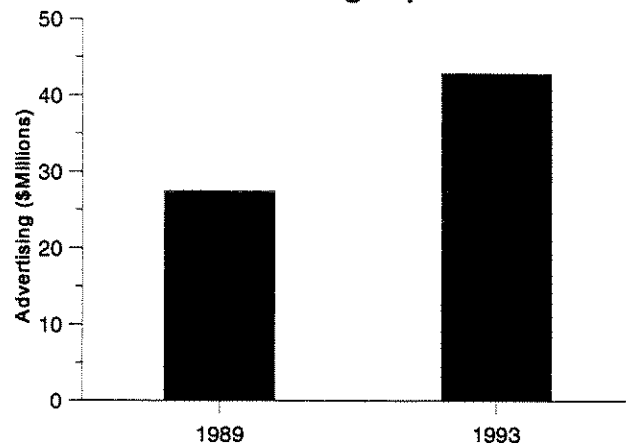
- ▶ “Old Joe” became the Camel cigarette mascot in 1988. From 1988 to 1991, Camel cigarettes increased their share of the under-18-year-old market from 0.5% to 33%.¹⁰

- ▶ In a 1992 Gallup survey, 87% of adolescents surveyed in the United States could recall recently seeing one or more tobacco company advertisements.¹¹

- ▶ The tobacco industry targets magazines with large teenage reader populations. In 1985, \$6.3 million was spent in *Glamour*—25% of *Glamour* readers are girls under 18 years of age. \$29.9 million was spent the same year in *Sports Illustrated*—where 33% of the readers are boys under 18 years of age.¹²

- ▶ Eighty-six percent of adolescent smokers prefer smoking Marlboro, Camel, or Newport—the three most heavily advertised cigarette brands.^{13,14}

Camel Advertising Expenditures



Adolescent consumption of Camels *increased 64%* during this time period, reflecting a strong correlation between cigarette company advertising and adolescent brand preference.

FACT: THE FDA REALIZES THE DANGER TOBACCO ADVERTISING REPRESENTS TO OUR CHILDREN.

KEY FACTS:

- ▶ The FDA proposes to eliminate tobacco billboards within 1000 ft. of schools and playgrounds.
- ▶ The FDA proposes to permit only black and white, text-only advertising outdoors and at points of sale.
- ▶ The FDA proposes to permit only black and white, text-only advertising in publications with youth readership of 15% or more *or* with a youth readership greater than 2 million children.
- ▶ The FDA proposes to eliminate all brand-name sponsorship of sporting and entertainment events.
- ▶ The FDA proposes to ban the sale or free distribution of non-tobacco items such as t-shirts and caps that carry tobacco brand names and logos.

FACT: WISCONSIN HAS A LONG WAY TO GO TO PROTECT OUR YOUTH FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO ADVERTISING.

KEY FACTS:

- ▶ Currently, Wisconsin has no laws that help control the advertising of tobacco products.
- ▶ Approximately 120 Wisconsin children take their first puff of cigarette smoke each day. Of these children, more than 60 become addicted smokers each day.
- ▶ Tobacco industry annual spending on advertising and promotion in Wisconsin has increased from approximately \$24 million in 1980 to over \$100 million in 1993.³

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